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**God Bless America**

### MENU

**May:** House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Chicken Fiesta, Chocolate Cheese Cake, Fruit Salad

**June** House Salad with Ranch Dressing, BBQ Steak, Spumoni Ice Cream, Shrimp & Crab Sandwich with Fries

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

### Big SIR Ken Reed



Crazy Shirt Day, Hobby Day, and Crazy Hat Luncheons have been interesting and successful. May luncheon is Book Swap Day. So bring a book, CD or DVD and swap for another book = Bring A Book and Take A Book. June Luncheon will be Veterans day, a time to share your military experience & souvenirs with your uniform, cruise book, photos, etc. We'll have a table for each Branch of the Military.

We had 40 responses to our March comment cards. As a result I am attempting to speak clearer into the microphone, and will continue the theme luncheons. Most members were very content but a couple would like assigned seating. Many agreed that our badge men and greeters are fabulous, and We Need More Greeters! Please help us and volunteer as a greeter. Also it was noted we could use more activities. So check out the shared activities that you can find at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) or <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/area1reports.html>.

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## Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4



A Luncheon Club promoting  
The Independence and Dignity  
Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030  
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.  
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Board Meeting  
11 AM Social-12Noon Lunch  
*Every friend is a potential  
Member*

**On June 19th.,** No business, just a fun time with Bingo (prizes), music and entertainment. Flyer available soon.

Get ready to bring a friend, wife, partner, etc to **Spring Fling**, (formally Ladies Day). on June 19th.. Our next Walk 4 Health activity will be 9:44 am Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at Ocean Beach and Great Highway, San Francisco. Flyer at May Luncheon.

### Winners of the Crazy Hat Contest



**1<sup>st</sup> place Wil Uclusin (center)**  
**Runners up Bud Sandkulla &  
Bert Dormann**

### Quotation

A ship is always referred to as "she" because it costs so much to keep her in paint and powder.

**Adm. Chester W. Nimitz**

## Fog Horn Issue May 2013

Next meeting May 1st

Following meeting, June 5th

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**Little SIR Paul Rosenberg**

Toward the end of May there are two ceremonies that we all should consider attending. The 2013 Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the USS San Francisco Monument and Memorial will begin at noon on Sunday, May 26 at USS San Francisco Memorial Park just north of the intersection of 48<sup>th</sup> and Point Lobos. The program usually lasts an hour or so and will include a talk on the history of a warship named for the city, which, though sorely wounded, emerged triumphantly from the battle of Guadalcanal, November 12-13, 1942, after inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. In addition, there will be the reading of the names of those lost in the battle. The program will honor a veteran of the battle and there updates on the status of the foundation supporting the memory of the ship. The Memorial Day Commemoration is the next day on Monday, May 27. The San Francisco National Cemetery is the backdrop for one of the largest commemorations in the state of California, typically attended by nearly 2,000 people. The ceremony is sponsored by the Mayor's Memorial Day Citizen's Committee, with support from the Presidio Trust and other partners. The parade begins in the Main Post at 10:30 am and proceeds to the cemetery. The ceremony begins at 11 am at San Francisco National Cemetery. Join veterans and the community for the traditional, **Memorial Day Commemoration**, at the **Presidio**. There will be a band present to play the songs of each of the services.

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**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243  
Ken Reed 415 810-3832**

A one-page summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>

**2013 Sharp Park Tournaments** are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting in February at 0930. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The **April 9<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** had 41 players, with some continuing rain-free conditions. The results have been updated on the web site and copies will be available on the golf table.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 first tee-off is 0930.**

SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in one hour before your tee time**. The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, and prizes (\$4 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground conditions.

**2013 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are scheduled for **Wed 2/20, Tues 4/16, Wed 6/26, Wed 8/28, Wed 10/23, Wed 11/20, and Mon 12/16**. We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015.

**No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, first tee-off is 1015.**

Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional Cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

**SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080.** These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch.

On **Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>**, Foxtail Golf Club – South Course, 100 Golf Course Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, 707-584-7766, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

**Upcoming Away Trips** – June 24<sup>th</sup> – Napa Golf Club, July 29<sup>th</sup> Foxtail – North (State Qualifying), August 26<sup>th</sup> - Mare Island. Check the web site for updates!

**State Individual Tournament.** If you wish to play in this tournament send \$3.00 to Jim Smith with your name.

The **Away Tournaments** are very important to Branch 4. These tournaments need your support, so please make a commitment to participate. **Thank You! Jim**



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at [jemajor@pacbell.net](mailto:jemajor@pacbell.net) to set up our email list.

**Rewards for Branch 4**

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards #1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win-win situation! This will help defray expenses.

**SIR Happenings** is now in its ninth year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org).

**Pull Tabs**

Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House, a worthy cause.

**Giants Baseball ( SIR's Day )**

**AT&T Park – August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12:45 PM**

**Section 131 – lower boxes – 60 seats**

**Giants vs Brewers**

Forms will be available at the next meeting. Seats are \$42.00 each. Hank Gomez will be handling the arrangements. Badge # 008 The Hank Gomez Quartet will be singing the National Anthem before the game.

**Answers to last month's Trivia.**

1. A narrow strip of land connecting two large masses of land.
2. Before the canal, ships had to travel more than 1500 miles
3. The Panama Canal extends 50.72 miles from Limon Bay on the Atlantic side to the Bay of Panama on the Pacific side.
4. A ship traveling through the canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific sails from northwest to southeast.
5. The medical hero of the canal. Colonel William C. Gorgas credited for wiping out the dreaded yellow fever and ridding the canal zone of rats carrying bubonic plague.

**Rocky Mountain Trivia**

1. **True**
2. **False**, Mt. Elbert in Colorado rises 14,433 feet.
3. **True, it is 13,528 feet high.**
4. **False**, formed millions of years ago from upheaval of the earth's crust.
5. **False**, The overland route wound through the Rockies.
6. **True**, the tunnel has an altitude of about 11,000 feet.

**Birthday Greetings  
Chairman: Jim Parsons**

**May 2013 Birthday Celebrants**

**Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to:** Earl Anneson, John Belmondo, Peter Bencharsky, Charles Blake, Vito Borrela, Jeffrey Chinn, Al Christ, Elmer Eckart, Henry Fields, Larry Hurley, Raymond Langlois, Dan Machado, Steve Machado, Hayden Neal, Gary Nicholson, Rich Palmer, Paul Rosenberg, Arnold Sears, Andrew Ynostroza.

**Absentee Special Donor List for March  
Chairman, Bill Gipe**

Branch 4 thanks all absentee & special donors. Both Art Rogers and Richard Futrell mailed their contributions after the meeting.

**Membership and attendance**

March 2013 SIR Branch 4 Membership & Attendance Report

4-3-13 attendance: 126 active, 1inactive, and 1 speaker.  
Branch 4 has 197 active, 35 inactive, and 2 Honorary Life Members.

Branch 4 regrets the passing of **SIR William Waterman**, and **SIR Edward Woodward**, **SIR Ron Brown**

Branch 4 has 197 active members and 36 inactive members.

In March Branch 4 welcomed new members: Sandor Halasz, Frank Moriconi, and Paul Nocero.

**Branch 4 asks for any data changes for 2013 roster. Please call Bill Gipe at 650-878-5746 if your roster listing should be edited.**

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**Look for your Badge Number. If you see it, call Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets.**

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*In Memoriam*  
**William Waterman  
Edward Woodward  
Ron Brown**

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**Pinochle - George Samoulides 415 564 5384**  
Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All Sirs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30 PM. Call George for further information.  
Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

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**Sunshine Committee**

**Shut - ins Chairman : Vacant**  
Branch 4 March Sunshine Report includes:  
Rich MacDougal and Kristian Nergaard

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**Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 728-5573**  
Meeting at 11:45 every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake – Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

**Next meeting – March 20**

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**Bocce Ball**

**Harry Lieberman - Charlie Leach**  
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 9:30-11:00  
Other Wednesdays, 10-12:00 (wives welcome)

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**Senior Tennis - Harry Lew 415 333 2984**

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon  
At Glen Park in San Francisco.

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**Travel Column**

**From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch**

Gentlemen (and their wives who read this column): I ask your assistance. Please take a few minutes to think of and tell me what you would like to do in the way of a local tour or outing. Since taking this position, more than two years ago, in hopes of assisting my fellow SIRs to take a nice vacation or travel to an interesting destination, I have passed out many flyers for and told you about many trips and travel packages offered by Area 1 and the State. Many flyers disappear, but only one Branch 4 member has told me he is planning on taking advantage of one of these trips. Seeing that most of our members are not interested in these trips, months ago we began offering local half-day outings and initially had a very decent response - anywhere from several to 15 or 20 members and wives would show up. Recently, however, we canceled a couple of planned day outings, for lack of sufficient interest. I'm wondering why? Now that we have 200 members and more than 100 showing up for a meeting, we were expecting more interest in local trips. At the April meeting, we announced a proposed trip to the Sacramento Old Town Train Museum on April 25 and had only four members (2 yes, 2 maybe) sign up. I'm thinking we must not be offering activities that interest our members. I would appreciate your sending me an email to [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com) or calling me at 415-297-1807 with suggestions. Is there some place you like to go? Is there some thing you would like to do, with your fellow SIRs? Meanwhile, please do continue to check out the travel offerings by Area 1 and the State on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/>. If you do sign up for any of these trips or outings, please send me an email or call me and let me know.



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Following the ceremonies, there is a choice of participating in an interfaith ceremony at the nearby chapel or to join a tour of the cemetery. Of course, one may also enjoy the beauty of the nation's finest urban national park. I plan on attending both ceremonies and hope to see you there.

**(33 men, 1100 Stars, 300 Ribbons)**



55 Men, 1100 Stars, 300 Ribbons

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